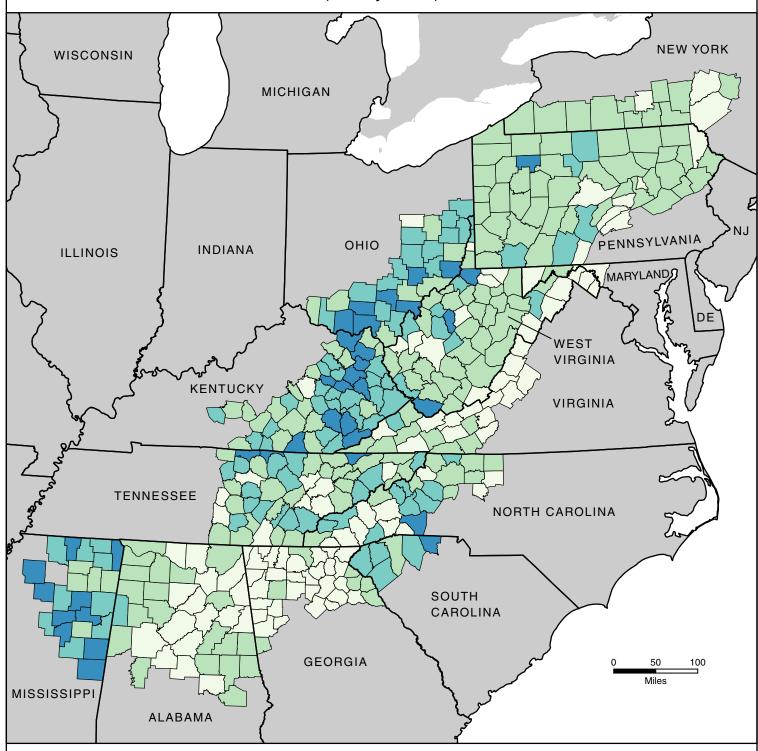
Three-Year Average Unemployment Rates in Appalachia, 2003-2005 (County Rates)



A three-year average unemployment rate is a measure of long-term structural unemployment. It is calculated by dividing the three-year sum of persons unemployed by the three-year sum of the civilian labor force. The map uses natural breaks in the distribution to organize the data into groups of common values.

Unemployment Rate 8.6% - 12.5% U.S. average = 5.5% Appalachian average = 5.6% 5.2% - 6.7% 2.8% - 5.1%



Map Created: October 2007.

(Natural Breaks Classification)

Data Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS, 2003-2005.